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ADVANTAGE - Provides electronic reprographic system which displays to operator clearance and recovery steps needed to be taken upon detection of fault.

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Abstract (Equivalent): EP 478343 B

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- detecting at least one fault occurrence during the normal system operating mode;
- grouping the at least one detected fault occurrence into at least one fault bucket, each fault bucket having a unique set of specific clearance and recovery instructions corresponding to the fault bucket and each fault bucket comprising a collection of faults which require the same unique set of specific clearance and recovery instructions corresponding to the fault bucket;
- automatically accessing, based on at least one fault bucket, at least one unique set of specific clearance and recovery instructions corresponding to the at least one fault bucket;
- automatically initiating clearance of and recovery from the at least one fault occurrence using the accessed at least one unique set of specific clearance and recovery instructions without requiring an operator to assist in restoring the system to the normal system operating mode; and
- automatically displaying appropriate ones of the accessed clearance and recovery instructions corresponding to the at least one fault bucket when automatic recovery from the at least one fault occurrence fails to restore the system to the normal system operating mode, the appropriate ones of the accessed clearance and recovery instructions enabling an operator to manually initiate and perform clearance and recovery.

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Abstract (Equivalent): US 5467449 A

A method for clearance and recovery of faults in an electronic reprographic system, comprising the steps of:
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monitoring the system for fault occurrence during a normal system operating mode;
detecting at least two fault occurrences during the normal system operating mode;
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